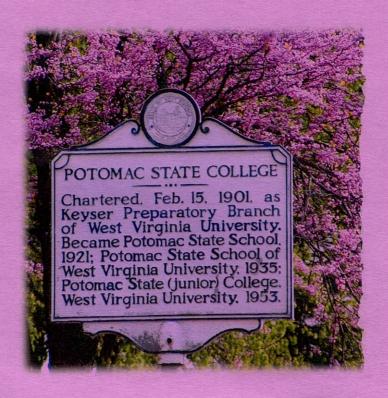


## Social Club Spring Banquet Friday, May 1, 2015





# POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE OF WVU SOCIAL CLUB SPRING BANQUET

### **HONORING**

#### Retirement

Jill M Gardner
Jeffery L Helmick
Fred W Jacoby
Harvey E Jones
Libby M Kalbaugh
Susan E Kephart
Karen G Peer
Carol S Wertman

and

### Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Service

Linda C Bane Michael T Cannon

Davis Conference Center

May 1, 2015

#### PROGRAM

Welcome: Michelle House, Hostess

Invocation

Dinner

Introduction of Guests

#### Testimonials:

Linda Bane.....Mike Cannon

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Jeff Helmick.....Phil Douthitt

Fred Jacoby .....Fred Jacoby

Libby Kalbaugh......Patty Lee, Susan Slaubaugh, and Rene Trezise

Karen Peer......Don Schafer

Closing Remarks—Dr. Leonard Colelli

#### **MENU**

Baby Greens with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing (mesculin, apple slices, feta cheese, walnuts)

Carved Oven Roasted Turkey Breast w/cranberry mayo

Sliced Top Round covered w/gravy

**Buttery Mashed Potatoes** 

Fresh Vegetable Blend—Broccoli, Cauliflower and Carrots

**Dinner Rolls** 

Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie

Unsweetened Iced Tea, Water, Coffee

Prepared by PSC of WVU Dining Services



#### Linda C Bane

Linda was born in Keyser, WV and graduated from Keyser High School in 1974. She earned an AA in pre-biology in 1976 from PSC, and two BAs in biology and in foreign languages (German) from WVU in 1978 and 1979 respectively. She was inducted into Tri-Beta, the biology honor society at WVU. Linda worked on a masters in German, Latin, and English as a Foreign Language. She escaped to Japan before finishing her thesis and her degree.

In Tokyo, Linda worked as an English conversation teacher from 1982-89: first at the Berkeley House Language Center in Ichikawa and then at Azabu Academy in Roppongi. While in Japan, Linda became an avid sumo wrestling and Kabuki fan.

On her return from Tokyo, Linda enrolled in library school at the University of Maryland at College Park. In 1990 she received her MLS and joined the Mary F. Shipper Library at PSC, completing her metamorphosis which began as a library page at the Keyser-Mineral County Public Library and continued as a work-study student in the WVU Wise Library and the West Virginia History Collection.

At PSC she holds the title of Assistant University Librarian. She teaches library research each spring and in the past she has taught orientation classes (WVUe). As an adjunct she has taught classes in German, Introduction to the Internet, and Web Page Design. She has advised the Anime Club and the Japanese Club and currently is the organizer of the PSC Book and Movie Lovers group.

While working at PSC, Linda has continued to take classes: speech, computer programming, anthropology, leadership, and more. Last year, she completed the course work for an online MA at WVU in instructional design and technology, though she hasn't applied for graduation yet. She hopes in the future to complete a doctorate in instructional design and technology.

Linda's family members include four cats: Ani-chan, Ototo-chan, Kuroko-chan, Gabby-chan. She has a brother and sister-in-law in North Carolina as well as lots of cousins, aunts, and uncles. Her hobbies and interests include: books, movies, sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting, current events, technology and video, computer, and card games.



Michael T Cannon

Mike was born in Fairmont, WV and graduated in 1986 from the U.S. Army Military Police School. He began employment at PSC in 1990 and holds the position of Campus Police Officer Lead-Sgt. At Potomac State he served as a member and chair on the Classified Employees Council and was a past member of the Social Justice Council.

Mike is a member of the Keyser Volunteer Fire Department and is the current Assistant Chief and Financial Secretary where he also held the position of past Chief, Trustee and Chaplain.

He has received the PSC Safety Award, Mineral County Family Crisis Center Officer of the Year and the Keyser Fire Department Captain's Award.

Mike has numerous certifications including: WV Certified Police Officer, Clandestine Lab Technician, Hazardous Materials Technician, WV Law Enforcement Instructor, Crisis Intervention Instructor, Active Shooter Response Instructor, K-9 handler, etc.

Mike and his wife Rhonda, have a daughter Paige (at Fairmont State Univ.), and sons Jarod, Wyatt, and Evan.

His hobbies include reading, camping, and hiking. He is a camp counselor for the Mineral County 4-H.

Interesting Fact: Mike is a veteran of the U.S. Army Military Police and served during Operation Desert Storm and was a member of Task Force Freedom in Kuwait in 1991



Jill M Gardner

Jill began her employment at PSC in 1986 as a Library Technical Assistant II and is ending her career as the Director of the Library. She graduated from Keyser High School, Potomac State College, Frostburg State (BS Elementary Education) and Clarion University where she received her Master's degree in Library Science.

She holds membership in the Mineral County Genealogy and Historical Society, Friend of the Stone House (Traveller's Rest), and is a board member of the Community Closet Cleanout.

Jill previously worked as a long term sub in Mineral County in the library in Elk Garden after hearing about the need during her visit to apply as a substitute. "Long story short, I got hired and didn't have to go to school the last month at Frostburg. They said the last few weeks of school was how to write a resume and get a job and I had already figured out how to get a full-time job."

Jill and husband Biard have one child, Heidi who is married to Kevin Knott. She enjoys traveling, genealogy, reading and pets.

Interesting Fact: | ill catalogs all the books for the Keyser Public Library.



Jeffrey A Helmick

Jeff began his employment at PSC in 1984 in the Church McKee Auditorium as a Theatre Technician. He is a graduate of Keyser High School, Mineral County Vocational Center and Austin Peay State University where he graduated in 1983.

Jeff was in the U.S. Army Field Artillery Division, 101st Airborne Division in Fort Campbell, Kentucky and was stationed in Scholfield Barricks in Hawaii in the 25th Infantry Division. He received two Good Conduct Medals and One Army Accommodation Medal during his four years of service.

Jeff is married to Tammy Helmick and they have two daughters Jennifer Hottle and Stephanie Helmick and two grandchildren: Kadi Myers (age 6) and Noah Hottle (age 2).

Jeff enjoys gardening and photography as his hobbies.

Interesting Fact: Jeff attended numerous schools in the Army to include Air Assault School, Artillery Mechanics School, The Army Maintenance Management School where he earned the rank of Sergeant.



### Libby M Kalbaugh

Libby Kalbaugh was born and raised in Parkersburg, West Virginia. She attended Ohio Valley College where she received an AA degree in secretarial science in 1978. From there she transferred to Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas and received a bachelor's degree in both general business and business administration in 1980.

After being a stay-at-home mom, Libby began her part-time employment at Potomac State College in the Small Business Development Center in 1994. When federal funds were no longer available for the Small Business Development Center to continue, she worked with students' long distance telephone service until 1997 when she became full-time with alumni and development.

Libby has served on various campus search committees, participated in Bowl for Kid's Sake, and she served as chair of the Relay for Life "Team Alumni" for two years. She served as Chair of the Classified Staff Council and was the ACCE representative for a few years. Currently, Libby is the staff advisor of the Campus and Community Ministry Club, is a member of the Wellness Committee, and serves as the PSC Social Club card/flower person. Libby is also currently a board member of Highland Arts Unlimited and volunteers with the state-wide Senior Olympics held each June on the Potomac State campus.

When away from the office, Libby enjoys cooking, traveling, hiking, biking, gardening, bowling, and catching big fish. She looks forward to doing more of this and also spending more time with the love of her life, her family.

Interesting fact: One thing you may have noticed is that Libby is short. She has been teased her whole life about this and with a maiden name of Sprout, that hasn't helped. Thanks Mom!!



Susan E Kephart

Susan was hired in January of 2002 as the College's Psychologist and is retiring on August 1, 2015.



#### Karen G Peer

Karen graduated from Fort Ashby High School in 1970, and graduated from Potomac State College with an Associate of Arts degree in Secretarial Science in 1972. She says she never dreamed at that time that she would work here someday!

Karen learned to type on a manual typewriter, making carbon copies, and has seen many changes to her job over the years. Do you remember the mimeograph machine that printed the copies with purple ink? She remembers lining up in the Service Office for her turn at the mimeograph machine. She says she remembers well getting her first computer during Dr. Gratto's presidency. Karen estimates that over the past 40 years she has made billions of copies, millions of phone calls, scheduled thousands of appointments and meetings, and taken hundreds of sets of minutes (or at least it feels like that many)!

Karen has worked as a secretary/administrative assistant for 40 years, and for the past 32 of those years she has held the title of Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant Sr. in the Office of the Executive Dean/President/Campus Provost/Campus President at PSC. She has worked for a total of nine leaders of the College: James McBee, Joseph Gratto, Kathryn Brailer, Mary Rittling, Kerry Odell, Leonard Colelli, and interims Nancy Hockensmith, Lester Beavers, and Tony Whitmore. Prior to her employment at PSC she worked at Kelly-Springfield Tire Company, Regional Education Service Agency, and the law offices of Walsh, Walsh and Reinhart. At PSC she has served as secretary/treasurer of the Social Club for fourteen years, vice president of the Social Club for one year, secretary of the Classified Employees Council for six years, and has served on numerous search committees and miscellaneous committees over the years as well. She received the 2012 Classified Employee of the Year award.

Karen is a member of the Fountain United Brethren in Christ Church, where she is secretary of the Church's administrative board and secretary of the Women's Missionary Fellowship. She also belongs to the Working Women CEOS Club in Fort Ashby and is treasurer of that organization.

Karen has a daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Don Schafer, a grand-puppy, Schammie, and a brother, Steve Alt. She is the daughter of Charles Alt and the late Irene Alt. Her interests include reading, baking, photography, walking, and, most of all, spending time with her family.

"Potomac State has been a nice place for me to work, and I treasure the friendships and memories I have made here," she said.



Carol S Wertman

IN MEMORY

Carol was a graduate of Keyser High School and Catherman's Business School in Cumberland. She worked at the Kelly Springfield Tire Company in Cumberland before taking time off to raise her family.

Carol started working part-time at the college in 1978 then went on to became a full-time employee. In 2010 she was recognized for 30 years of service to Potomac State College and the State of West Virginia. She loved PSC and it showed in the pride she took in her work, her respect for others, and her commitment to serving faculty, staff, and students. When Carol took on the duties of the Service Office, she beamed her smile and encouraged everyone who entered the building to feel welcome and at home.

Carol battled a non-cancerous tumor for 20 years which impacted her eyesight, but never dampened her spirits or willingness to work. Following numerous surgeries and treatments and just when she thought her health was stable, it came back with a vengeance. Travelling to Morgantown each morning five days a week for five weeks for radiation, she returned each afternoon to work. When the side effects of the tumor and radiation damaged her ability to speak, she was heart-broken at not being able to return to work and even as she planned for her retirement she hoped that her condition would improve. On what was to be her last day on payroll she was admitted to the hospital and in the weeks to come it was with pride that she held her retirement clock.

Carol leaves behind her mother, Arda Bell McKinney; brother John McKinney, daughter Ronda and grandson Justin and daughter Lori, husband Keith and grandson lan.

# A Roster of Those Who Have Served Potomac State College for 25 Years or More

*Ida Menefee	1902-1934
*William D. Anthony	1913-1946
*Rebecca Z. Carroll	1924-1966
*Ernest Kissinger	1935-1970
*Dana G. Lough	1935-1970
*Gertrude S. Stanhagen	1935-1973
*Ernest E. Church	1936-1964
*Kirkland S. McKee	1936-1963
*Ervin L. Dayton	1937-1970
*Nancy M. Miller	1937-1967
*Isabella R. Clifford	1938-1970
*David G. Nuzum	1938-1977
*Mary F. Shipper Byrer	1938-1973
*Albert O. Willhide	1938-1943, 1945-1972
*Elizabeth Atwater Alexander	1939-1978
*Leonard G. Withers	1939-1973
*James T. Handlan, Jr.	1942-1977
*Walter A. Jaworek	1942-1972
*Walter H. Boone	1943-1972
*Viola U. Lough	1943-1970
*Leontine B. Nuzum	1943-1973
Richard A. Smith	1945-1996
*Helen C. Criner	1946-1978
*Paul F. Iverson	1946-1975
*William E. Michael	1946-1979
Dewey V. Rotruck	1946-1982
*Helen M. Hartman	1946-1947, 1957-1983
*Allen E. Murphy	1948-1985
*Raymond H. Tasker	1949-1985
*Marion B. Fallon	1950-1956, 1962-1983
Kenneth F. Haines	1952-1996
*Albert A. Strother	1952-1979
*Rosie L. Wilson	1952-1979

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Charles R. Preston	1986-2012
Susan J. Slaubaugh	1986
Randy G. Leatherman	1987
William M. Letrent	1987
Kathy R. Ludwick	1988
Phillip D. Douthitt	1989
Linda C. Bane	1990
Michael T. Cannon	1990

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes deceased

# PSC Social Club Officers 2014-2015

President Michelle House

Vice President Shawn White

Secretary Diana Grady

Treasurer Jaynie Gilbert

Flower Chairperson Libby Kalbaugh

Executive Committee Phil Douthitt

Mary Murphy

Thank you for attending this evening with our honorees and guests.

Farewell to you and the youth I have spent with you.

It was but yesterday we met in a dream.

You have sung to me in my aloneness, and I of your longings have built a tower in the sky.

But now our sleep has fled and our dream is over, and it is no longer dawn.

The noontide is upon us and half-waking has turned to a fuller day, and we must part.

If in the twilight of memory we should meet once more, we shall speak again together and you shall sing to me a deeper song.

And if our hands should meet in another dream, we shall build another tower in the sky.

-Kahlil Gibran

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